

Feb 7, 2024 | 📅 SD Bass Council Meetings

Guests: None

- Meeting Called to Order - At 5:45 - **New start time for meetings is 5:45 to accommodate El Cajon Ford**

- Treasurer's Report
 - Checking Account = \$1658.80
 - We have 2024 Council dues and TOC fees to deposit this month
 - Fisherman's Relief Fund = \$3032.45
 - Total in Accounts = \$4691.60
 - Received \$430 from Keith Slater from 2023 Top 6 raffle
 - To be deposited into account

- Unfinished Business from last month's meeting (January Meeting)

None

- New Business
 - Sporting Event insurance policy needed. ABA was unable to assist us with a policy.
 - **We are currently working with Stan Vandenberg to identify and renew our old policy. Old Policy was with Philadelphia Insurance. Worst case scenario another insurance company has been identified to purchase "event insurance" at approx. \$200 per event (\$400 per yr). We should have our insurance in place by the TOC tournament.**

 - Jim Sleight has moved the date of his El Cajon Ford Paul Leader Memorial Tournament to the same weekend of our Top 6 Tournament (September 28th).
 - **Members discussed and voted to move the Top 6 Tournament back one week to Saturday, September 21st at El Cap to avoid any conflicts with fishermen who want to fish in the Paul Leader Memorial. CA DFW was contacted and our original tournament permit for Otay on September 28th was transferred to September 21st at El Cap. We plan to have our traditional BBQ, awards ceremony and a raffle with proceeds benefiting the Council and the charitable organizations we sponsor.**

- El Cajon Ford may allow us to store the Council trailer at the lot - still awaiting a follow up call/decision. We could explore “sharing” the trailer with SD Team Series.
 - **Members discussed and voted to explore “sharing” the Council trailer with the weigh-in equipment (scales), as well as the table and chairs with Jim Sleight and his El Cajon Ford Team series in exchange for a place to store the trailer long-term at no cost to the Council. The Council is proposing to share the maintenance and associated costs of the trailer with Jim Sleight/El Cajon Ford Team Series. Ideally we would like to store the trailer at El Cajon Ford and use it for our two primary tournaments held each year. If agreed upon the El Cajon Ford Team Series can use the trailer for their tournaments as well. Email sent to Jim Sleight with the proposal.**

- Bass Council Annual Dues are due this meeting. (\$5.00 per club member - \$50.00 minimum)
 - **All club Presidents/representatives were in attendance at the meeting and paid their 2024 Council dues (except S.D. Bassmasters - Email sent to Bruce Smith).**

- TOC Fees and waivers are due - \$150 from each participating club.
 - **All club Presidents/representatives were in attendance at the meeting and paid their fees for the TOC (except S.D. Bassmasters - Email sent to Bruce Smith).**

- Emails have been sent out to update all club bios and photos.
 - **Several clubs have sent in their updated club bios and photos for the new, updated Council webpage.**

- Chris Mitchell has done an outstanding job updating our Council webpage. Shops supporting the Council and our bass club members will be offering discounts. Please visit and support our sponsors.
 - **Chris Mitchell proposed moving the Council website to a more robust site/server that will have the ability to expand and enhance the Council website. We are currently using a free website that is nearly at its maximum capability. Chris indicated he would be willing to assist with building a better website where clubs can add their tournament dates, tournament results and other pertinent information.**

- Awards/trophies for the TOC was discussed.
 - **Members discussed and voted to get 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Big Fish Trophies for the TOC. We also have one XL embroidered “Champion” jacket for the winner of the TOC. Discussion and vote to purchase nice, embroidered hats for the TOC participants. Trophies were ordered on 2/8/24 and they will be ready before the TOC. A request for a new, updated or more modern design for the hats was given to Triton Imaging in El Cajon. Awaiting an estimate.**

- Gary Bass has a good relationship with our region rep from CA DFW. This rep has stated that all clubs should be applying for tournament permits via the CA DFW website.
 - **All clubs should apply for and have a Type B Tournament Permit that is good for 12 events in the calendar year. The cost for the annual Type B Permit is \$80. A link to the permit is now on the Council website. CA DFW has indicated they will be checking for Tournament Permits at weigh-ins periodically throughout the year.**

- CA DFW Quagga Self Inspection Form Info
 - **CA DFW is trying to bring awareness to the Quagga issues at our lakes. Our local CA DFW representative has recommended we all keep either a hard copy or an electronic copy (on your phone) of the new Quagga Self Inspection Form. If stopped and asked, be ready to advise you are aware of the Quagga issues and your boat was CLEANED, DRAINED AND DRY before launching.**

- We have a donation letter prepared that can be used to solicit donations for the Top 6 raffle. We would like assistance with soliciting donations. Let’s get to work on this well ahead of the September Top 6 date.
 - **The Council Board Members can provide you with copies of a donation letter that we want to use to seek donations for a large raffle we want to have after this year’s Top 6 Tournament. We hope to have a good raffle to make some money to support the Council and our charities. About a dozen letters seeking donations have already been sent out.**

- We have had a long relationship with an organization called Crisis House. They would like to continue our relationship and they are seeking donations or monetary support. We have a list of their needs. Discussion on having each club donate one reasonably priced item from the list to Crisis House or small cash donation.
 - **A list of items to donate will be sent out with the TOC information**

- Announcements:
 - **We will be having representatives from CA DFW and San Diego City Lakes coming to speak at our upcoming meetings. Possibly March and April.**

Action items

- Email will be sent out with details on the TOC for tournament participants.**

- Discussion regarding renting a PO Box or Postal Mailbox/Station for Council Business. It was suggested to have all insurance, banking and other related business mail sent to a PO Box rather than the several personal residence addresses we have been using. This will help us with not losing mail, bank statements, registrations and renewals. Follow up on cost/rental to report at the next Council meeting.**